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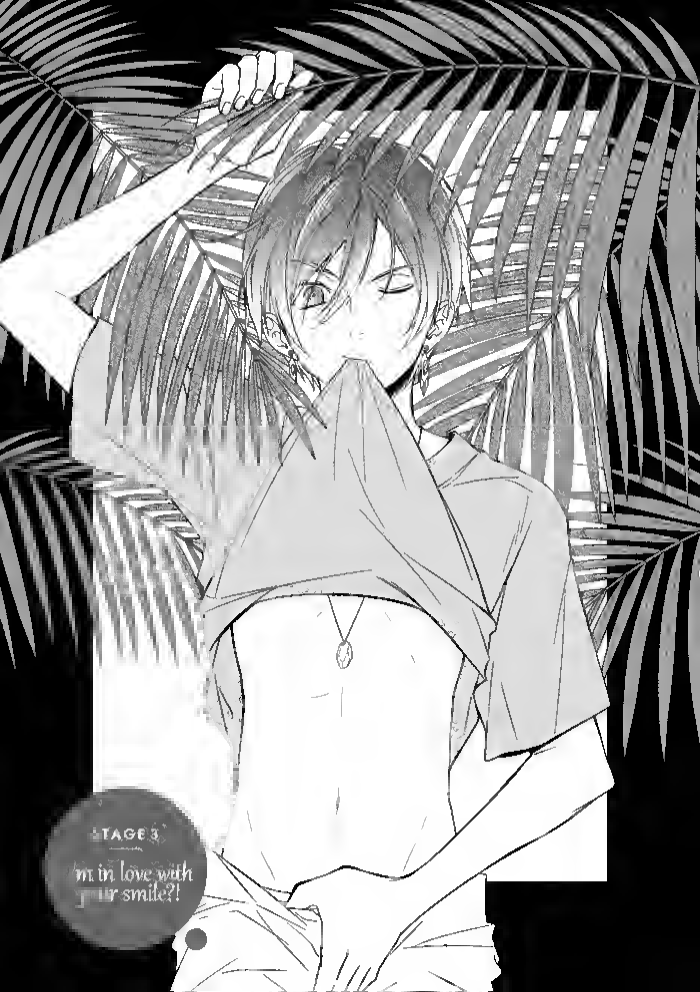
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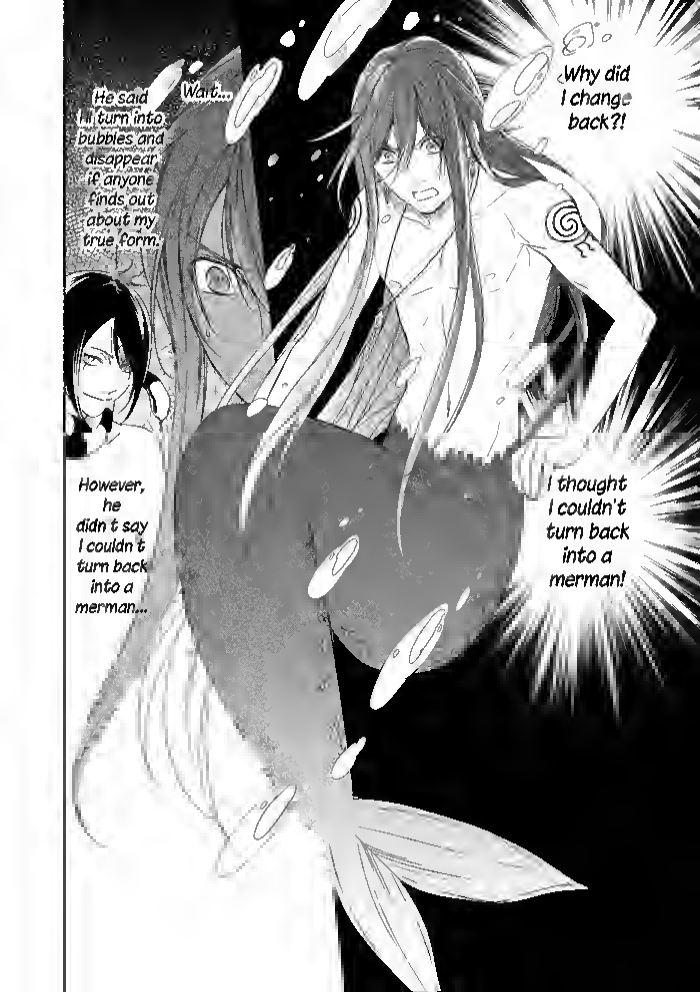
Why did I change back?!
Wait...
He said I'll turn into bubbles and disappear if anyone finds out about my true form.
I thought I couldn't turn back into a merman!
However, he didn't say I couldn't turn back into a merman...

Which means I can return to my world!
NARUUU!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
NARU...!
My parents and Rim are all down here.
...But...
..

Should I really go back...?
CRAP...
No, I can't go back now...
In any case, I must find a place where there's no one around...!

Three minutes later.
I...
I'M HUMAN AGAIN!!
THE MOMENT I STEP INTO THE SEA I TURN BACK INTO A MERMAN...
GRRRRRRRRR!
WHAT KIND OF TRICK DID THAT SORCERER PLAY ON ME?!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?!
NARU! THERE YOU ARE!
gasp!
Oh no...

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVERY-WHERE!
S-
SORRY...
I THOUGHT YOU SUNK INTO THE SEA
AND DIED, LIKE MY PAPA!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!
Gah, that's it!
There's no way I can leave her alone!
AH...

What's wrong with you?! Enough already!!
BOOM
APPEAR
I'M STILL HERE!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP MUTTERING?
HMM... WHY DID THAT HAPPEN...
WE'RE BACK!
I SAID I'M SORRY FOR PUSHING YOU OFF.
YUP, WE'RE LOOKING AFTER HIM FOR A WHILE.
I THINK YOU'RE GONNA LIKE HIM
AH, IS HE TALKING WITH MAMA?

HAHAHA... YEAH, NAMI-CHAN TOO
THEY'RE GETTING ALONG WELL SINCE THEY'RE BOTH KIDS
...
WELL, I AM A KID
HI-SAN, WE'RE BACK!
WELCOME BACK!
I'M ON THE PHONE WITH YUKIE-SAN WANNA TALK TO HER?
NO THANKS! I'LL TALK TO HER ON LINE LATER!
THD
THD
I think she's angry
Mm-hm
The next day.
Whoa!
HE'S GOING TO MY SCHOOL?!

YUP! I MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS YESTERDAY
YOU SURE GOT IN EASY... It's a high-ranking school
I TOLD THEM YOU'RE AN OVERSEAS STUDENT.
Nice~ It looks good on you~
clap clap
I MADE BENTOS FOR BOTH OF YOU. WELL, OFF YOU GO!
Let's goooo!
Toss
WHOOO AAAAA!
古南高校

NAMIIII! GOOD MORNING!
DON'T DO ANYTHING WEIRD, ALL RIGHT?
Excited
THERE ARE SO MANY HUMANS!
MORNING NATSUKO ARASHI
IS HE THE ONE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
YUP
HE'LL BE ATTENDING OUR SCHOOL
AH! YOU!
AH, IT'S THE WEIRD SHORTY FROM THE OTHER DAY
I'M NOT A WEIRD SHORTY! AND MY NAME'S NARU!
OH? NARU AS IN NARCISSISTIC?

Just because no one knows that you stole credit for saving her...
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, YOU BRAT...
I'LL KICK YOUR ASS SOMEDAY! YOU CAN COUNT ON IT!
SEE?
JEEZ! SERIOUSLY, STOP TRYING TO CAUSE PROBLEMS, OKAY?!
WHA-! YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING SO-
sniff
HUH? ARASHI, YOU KNOW HIM?
HE TRIED TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME WHEN I WENT TO YOUR HOUSE THE OTHER DAY.
sniff
YOU SMELL FISHY...

CORAL MAYBE..?
NO, WAIT...
THE SMELL OF THE OCEAN..?
sniff
sniff
sniff
sniff
goosebumps
goosebumps
GYAAA! WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?!
NO. THIS IS...?
RYOU-KUN HAS A FETISH FOR SCENT, HUH?
STOP IT, RYOU.
shove
SHUDDER
FIRST ARASHI, NOW THIS GUY I HATE HUMAN MALES!!!
sniff
AH, THE SMELL OF SHAMPOO ♡

HEY, HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
HUH? WHAT?
YOU DROWNED, REMEMBER? DID YOU CATCH A COLD AFTER THAT?
NOPE! I'M FIT AS A FIDDLE!
Hehe!
THANKS FOR SAVING ME.
NO PROBLEM.
...Damn it.
I'm the one who saved her, not you.

Still,
I wonder how she would react
...if she found out it was me who saved her.
...
WHAT?! HE'S FREELOADING AT YOUR HOUSE?!

THAT CUTE FOREIGNER?! WHY?!
AH! NAMI'S MOM IS AN ACTRESS, ISN'T SHE? DOES THAT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?
STEP
STEP
UH...YEAH, YOU COULD SAY THAT...
HEY, NAMI!! WHAT'S THIS?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT'S THIS"? IT'S A BLACKBOARD ERASER, DUH!
HE'S SO CUTE!
MAYBE THERE AREN'T ANY BLACK-BOARDS IN HIS HOME COUNTRY.
NARU-KUUUN, I'LL GIVE YOU THIS!
HE'S QUITE LIVELY.
UUGH... I'M TIRED...
SAKURAGAI-SAN!!
WHAT NOW?!

UGH.. YOU GUYS AGAIN..
YOU'RE JOINING THE SWIMMING CLUB TODAY, NO MATTER WHAT!!
?
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ASK, I STILL WON'T JOIN! BESIDES, I CAN'T SWIM ANYMORE!
SAYING THAT AGAIN, MAKING UP A LIE LIKE THAT-
YOU WERE THE ACE OF THE SWIMMING CLUB IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, WEREN'T YOU? YOU ALSO REPRESENTED OKINAWA
IF YOU JOIN, OUR CLUB WON'T BE DESTROYED!! THINK OF IT AS HELPING US OUT!
C'MON- WE'LL EVEN GIVE YOU THIS DISNEYLAND TICKET! JUST STAY WITH US FOR THREE MONTHS!
NO!
Bam
Every one's favourite land of dreams
RESORTING TO BRIBES NOW, ARE WE? STOP WASTING MY TIME!
Shoo shoo!
DAMN IIIIt!
I can't even pay for the plane ticket

WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
THEY'RE TRYING TO GET HER TO JOIN THE SWIMMING CLUB
A LOT OF THEIR MEMBERS DON'T TURN UP FOR PRACTICE, YOU SEE, SO THEY'RE JUST A SMALL CLUB
slurp
WHY WON'T ANYONE JOIN THE SWIMMING CLUB?
BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO GET SUNTANNED!
Straight up
WALKING OUTSIDE IS ALREADY GIVING ME A SUNTAN IF I SWIM, I'LL TURN BROWN IN LESS THAN A WEEK!
The pool at my middle school was indoors
Staying fair-skinned is a maiden's life
Right?
..BUT, YOU KNOW...
I LOVED SEEING YOU SWIM, NAMI
THE WAY YOU SWAM WAS SO GRACEFUL...
YOU LOOKED LIKE A MERMAID.
EW!
BRRS
SHH!

SAAAA KUUUU RAAAA GAAAA!!!!!
We're counting on you, Senpai!
He's huge
ACK, THEY BROUGHT THE CLUB PRESIDENT
WHAT WAS THAT?!
THIS UNREFINED GIRL IS NOTHING LIKE A MERMAID!! DON'T EVEN COMPARE THOSE TWO TOGETHER!!
I'm offended!
AH! STOP!!
I KNEW SHE COULDN'T SWIM, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD IN THE PAST.
. HER DAD DROWNED IN THE SEA.
THAT'S WHY SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SWIM

...HEY.
HOW'D YOU KNOW SHE COULDN'T SWIM?
...I SEE...
HUH?
OH...
SHE TOLD ME.
Yup, yup
YOU TWO SURE ARE CLOSE
HUH? NO WE'RE NOT.
...
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?!
HE'S JEALOUS.

WELL?
ARE YOU JOINING THE SWIMMING CLUB?
WHAT? NO WAY, OF COURSE NOT
Nom
Nom
YOU'RE JUST MAKING FUN OF ME, AREN'T YOU?
I WANT TO SEE THIS "GRACEFUL SWIMMING LIKE A MERMAID" OF YOURS
Hehehe
YOU CAN'T EVEN SWIM YOURSELF!
IT'S BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE NAMI-CHAN CAN STILL SWIM
Hmmm
YOU CAN JUST JOIN AND NOT SWIM, RIGHT?
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE IT A REST UNTIL YOU JOIN THEIR CLUB

HEH.. ANY GIRL WHO SEES ME SWIM WILL FALL FOR ME
I WAS ONLY SURPRISED BECAUSE YOU PUSHED ME OFF!
DON'T LIE. DID YOU FORGET YOU DROWNED AT THE MARINE GARDEN YESTERDAY?
WHAT? I CAN SO TOTALLY SWIM.
IS THAT TRUE?!
RUSH...
ARAGAKI-SENPAI?! You were there?!
YOU WILL?!
IF YOU JOIN OUR CLUB, I'LL GIVE UP ON SAKURAGAI
UM.. NO, I..
YOU! YOU'RE THE OVERSEAS STUDENT I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT, AREN'T YOU?!
COME TO THE SWIM CLUB AFTER SCHOOL TODAY!

WELL... YEAH, BUT...
...YOU CAN SWIM, RIGHT?
If I touch the water,
YEAH, BUT ONLY IF HE CAN SWIM
I might turn back into a merman...
PLEASE! JUST GO!
UH...

FINE I'LL GO...
YESSSS!!
THANKS, DARO!
BADUMP
Gaaah!
She's got me wrapped around her finger!
...HEY...

Good point.
BECAUSE YOUR UNIFORMS WILL GET WET
Duh
Ugh
Eye candy~
I'm so glad I groomed my legs...
I've got to lose weight.
WHY DO WE HAVE TO WEAR SWIMSUITS TOO?!
ALL RIGHT, TRY SWIMMING.
Why do we have to watch...Ah!
I'm starting to feel nervous.
...Crap.

If I jump in now and people find out I'm actually a merman...
Think about it clearly.
I'll turn into bubbles and disappear!
glimmer
As if!
glimmer
Maybe I should just stop...
glance
Whatever happens, happens!
leap
Fine, I get it! I just have to jump in, right?!
If I stop here, she might cry again!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

SPLASH
I did it!
PRETTY...!

DID YOU SEE THAT, NAMI?!
HAHA!
M-MAGNIFICENT...!
DWAH!
SPLASH
...YOU REALLY CAN SWIM...
SINCE YOU'RE HERE AND ALL...
WHY DON'T YOU JUMP IN TOO?
YOUR FACE SAYS YOU REALLY WANT TO JUMP IN
UM... BUT...

C'MON!
GET IN HERE!
Eh
SPL

OOSH...
SEE?
...I'M IN THE POOL...
AHHH- IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I FELT LIKE THIS..
SWIMMING REALLY IS THE BEST!
YEAH..

IT'S FUN!
Yeah.
That's the face I wanted to see.
I want to be with you Nami...
...for just a bit longer.

stand
twitch
...THERE'S SUCH A GOOD MOOD GOING ON BETWEEN THEM.
OUTTA THE WAY!
WHA?!
SPLASH
THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
SO YOU CAN GET IN THE WATER AFTER ALL!
Y-YEAH, BUT I'M STILL SCARED TO SWIM...

AHAHA-HAHA!!
HEY! THIS POOL ISN'T FOR CHILDREN, YOU KNOW!
Put on your swimming caps!
Sploosh
LEMME JOIN IN TOO!
KYAAA!
...I THOUGHT HE WAS INTERESTING WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM.
A MERMAN, HUH?

BUT ONLY AS A TEMPORARY MEMBER, THOUGH.
IN THE END,
I JOINED THE CLUB
I'm not giving up on the overseas student either!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME.
R... REALLY?!
HMM. MAYBE I'LL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY AND TRY SWIMMING AGAIN.
I want to see it too.
What?!
I WONDER WHEN I'LL GET TO SEE YOU SWIM LIKE A MERMAID
OHHH?
I-IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF YOU THAT I'M THINKING ABOUT SWIMMING AGAIN, GOT IT?
YOU'RE BRINGING THAT UP AGAIN?!

AHH~
HUMAN SCHOOLS ARE SO FUN~
ARE THEY?
BUT IT'S NOT ALL FUN AND GAMES, YOU KNOW YOU'LL RUN INTO PROBLEMS TOO.
REALLY?
?
A LOT OF PEOPLE LIVE HERE,
AND IT'S A SMALL ISLAND SURROUNDED BY THE SEA.
...?
SO, IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE IF PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT IT ONE DAY, NOW WOULD IT?

TO BE CONTINUED